(b) if so, whether Government are evolving a procedure to check misuse of these funds;

(c) if so, the details of such procedure; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) While there are frequent allegations to that effect, it is not possible to quantify the magnitude of seepage of development funds. Certain irregularities have been pointed out by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India in his reports.

(b) to (d) To ensure proper utilization of funds, the system of monitoring, sanctioning, release of funds and implementation has been tightened. Field inspections of works have been intensified and the Department of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) has also commenced monitoring of on-going projects. The State Governments have also been advised to ensure that programme/project specific funds are released to implementing agencies on time and regular monitoring of projects is undertaken. Only after receipt of utilization certificates, the second and subsequent installments are released. Further, on the request of DONER, the CAG has commenced audit of a few large projects during their execution itself.

Information about projects sanctioned by the North East Council (NEC) and under the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) is available at website address www.necouncil.nic.in and www.northeast.nic.in, respectively. Details of projects included in the Prime Minister's package for the North East may be seen at website address www.pmindia.nic.in.

Funds for development of Assam

1220. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned for Assam during the years 2001-02 and 2002-03 and the amount released and utilized; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government for economic development of the State?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The details of funds approved, released and utilized during the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03 are annexed as statement (*See* below).

(b) Some of the major steps being taken for economic development of the North Eastern States, including Assam, consist of improving the infrustructure like road network, air links, power etc.; expanding economic opportunities for all through capacity building aimed at increasing efficiency; creating an environment for private participation conducive to growth; providing an environment to positively influenced wide ranging economic activities having employment/ income generating potential in areas, such as, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Textiles etc. All these measures are being attended to through the ongoing centrally sponsored and Central Sector Schemes. In addition, the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) provides

Statement

Fund allocated-Released & Utilized for Annual Plan 2001-02 &2002-03

(Rs. in crore)

Schemes	2001-02			2002-03		
	Approved outlay	Amount released by Govt. of India	Amount Utilized	Approved Outlay	Amount released by Govt. of India upto Oct.02	Amount Utilized
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A. State Plan Central Assistance						
1. Normal Central assintance	1102.15	1047.96	1202.76	1212.37	962.17	522.41
2. Additional Assistance for Externally Aided Projects	172.31	93.25	146.45	190.07	51.41	Nil
(a) Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana	201.12	201.12	132.29++	190.00	93.00	45.16
(b) Prime Minister's Gram Sarak Yojana (PMGSY)	75.00	75.00	74.87	0.00	0.00	PMGSY has been taken from State Plan resources from Annual Plan 2002-03

++Balance being utilized during 2002-2003.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(c) Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme	40.00	14.52	17.76	35.0	0.00	1.26
(d) Border Area Development Programme	7.48	7.48	7.48	7.4	0.00	Nil
(e) Hill Area Development Programme	51.11	51.11	51.11	51.1	34.06	17.88
(f) Road & Bridges	9.00	0.00	0.30	15.3	0.00	Nil
(g) National Slum Development Programme	3.12	0.00	3.12	2.9	0.00	Nil
(h) Control of shifting cultivation	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.34	0.00	Nil
(i) Onetime Special Assistance	70.00	70.00	55.16++	56.00	1.25	26.5
(j) Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.70	10.96	Nil
(k) Rural Electrification (Minimum Needs Programme)	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.04	30.00	Nil
(l) National Social Assistance Programme	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.49	25.12	Nil
(m) Grants under art 275(1)	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.50	0.00	Nil
(n) SCA for TSP	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.59	0.00	Nil
(o) Initiative for strengthening of urban infrastructure	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.95	0.00	Nil
B. Central Sector Schemes Centrally sponsored schemes/central sector schemes and NEC schemes	**NA**	**247.78**	**149.61**	**NA**	**147.61**	**81.22**

++ Balance being utilized during 2002-03.

NA: not available

Release of funds for Tezpur University

1221. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Human Resource Development has recommended to his Department to release the second installment of Rs.15 crore to Tezpur University.